

Town of Milton
Dog Park Ad-Hoc
Committee

01 APR 2008
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM
Roll call and introductions

In attendance were four committee members and three interested citizens.

Bill Stoedter,	Chair
Claus Hagelman,	Committee member
Denise Suthard,	Committee member (Absent)
Joy Lester,	Committee member
Diane Cicala,	Committee member

A discussion developed concerning the terms “committee member” verses “concerned citizen”, this issue to be addressed further.

04 March meeting minutes offered for approval, Mr. Dailey questioned the terms “citizen” verses “Dog Owner” Correction made and minutes were approved.

Continued discussion on the previously prepared list of issues that arise when developing an off leash dog park.

- Locations,
- HO Brittingham school yard
- Mariner Middle school yard
- Town water tower lot

- Insurance, covered under town’s policy?
- Surface still to be determined:
 - blue rock
 - pea gravel
 - grass
 - mulch
- Establishing contact with town manager and or planning and zoning committee, still pending.
- Develop a name for the park, tabled for latter discussion.

New Business

Issue raised during roll call was discussed further

- Committee members and concerned citizens were identified via 04 March 2008

minutes. Additional discussion was raised as to electing positions such as:

- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasure

- Surveys were reviewed and then revised to include an identification of our group and/or a send to address for proper return, thus enabling truer results.

- Sought input from Mr. and Mrs. Hayes residents of Lewes, DE formerly of Ossining, NY and more importantly this couple were founding members of Ossining, NY off leash dog park.

They are invaluable resource and we all learned a great deal from them. We hope they will continue to attend and support our meetings as we work to make this park a reality.

Experience is such a good teacher; however she gives the test before the lesson.

- Additional discussions were held yet no decisions were made on the following:

- payment issues
- (bank account “friends of Milton dog park”)
- donation box
- payment cards
- maintenance (poop)
- parking concerns
- fencing options
- hours of operation
- Request Chair to send friendly meeting reminder to members.

Pending

- Surveys to be adjusted by Mr. Stoedter.
- Site research to be completed by Mr. Daily.
- Name of park research to be completed by all members.
- Poop digesters to be researched by Ms. Suthard.

Respectfully submitted;

K.B. Hines